# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:111
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2016
e-Market
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals has conceptualised a portal called Government e-Marketplace to allow officials to make routine office purchases online;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said portal;

(c) the time by which this portal is likely to be made operational by the Government; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory to procure office items only through the Central agency and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.111 FOR ANSWER ON 25TH JULY, 2016 REGARDING "E-MARKET"

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D) has conceptualized an online Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for Government buyers to procure common use goods and services, with provision for online and simplified vendor & buyer registration through self-certification, direct purchase upto Rs.50,000/-, bidding and reverse auction for purchases above Rs.50,000/-, etc., in order to provide greater transparency and efficiency in public procurement.

(c) : The GeM (pilot phase), developed by DGS&D with technical support of Department of Electronics & Information Technology, is operational for limited goods/services.

(d) : In terms of the amended General Financial Rules, 2005, GeM may be utilized by Government buyers, at their option, for direct online purchases.

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